



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

San Francisco Bay Region



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS NOTICE OF FILING A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

For the Proposed Amendment to the
Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) will consider for adoption an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan). The proposed amendment would:

- Establish a Water Quality Attainment Strategy and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), including numeric targets, for diazinon and pesticide-related toxicity in urban creeks and an implementation plan to achieve and support the strategy and TMDL.

Action on the proposed amendment will be taken in accordance with a regulatory program certified under Section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code as exempt from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 2100 et seq.) and with other applicable laws and regulations.

There will be two public hearings on the proposed Basin Plan amendment:

DATES: October 19, 2005
November 16, 2005

TIME: 9:00 a.m. (approximate)

LOCATION: Elihu M. Harris State Building
First Floor Auditorium
1515 Clay Street
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OTHER MATERIALS: The Basin Plan amendment and supporting staff report and documentation will be available online August 5, 2005 at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/urbancrksdiazinontmdl.htm. Hard copies will also be available by contacting:

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The 45 day public comment period for the proposed amendment expires on **September 19, 2005**. All written comments on the proposed amendment are due by this date to the staff contact identified above. Additionally, all evidence, testimony, and exhibits to be offered at the October hearing must be submitted in writing by this date to the above staff contact. Non-evidentiary policy statements to be made at the October hearing need not be submitted in advance.

The Water Board will receive oral public testimony on the proposed amendment at the October hearing. At the conclusion of the October hearing, the Water Board may recommend staff prepare for its consideration at the subsequent hearing changes to the proposed amendment in response to written comments and the testimony received.

The Water Board will not take action until the November hearing. Water Board staff will release any proposed changes to the draft Basin Plan amendment prior to the November hearing. Oral public testimony at the November hearing will be limited to comments on changes to the Basin Plan amendment the Water Board or its staff may propose after releasing the August 5 version. At the conclusion of the November hearing, the Water Board will consider adoption of the proposed Basin Plan amendment, or changes to the proposed amendment that are consistent with the general purpose of the proposed amendment and are a logical outgrowth of the evidence and testimony received.

The public hearings will be conducted in accordance with 23 Cal. Code of Regs. § 649.3. Time limits may be imposed on oral testimony at the public hearings; groups are encouraged to designate a spokesperson. All exhibits presented at the hearing, including charts, graphs, and other testimony must be left with the Water Board. They will become part of the administrative record.

A map and directions to the hearing are available online at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/direction.htm. The location of the hearings is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Executive Assistant Mary Tryon, (510) 622 2399, mtryon@waterboards.ca.gov, at least five (5) working days before a meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

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